

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20213

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 1, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

After the claims, please insert the attached Abstract of the Disclosure, which is set forth on a separate sheet.

In the claims:

8. (Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 4, wherein said polyanionic segment is a homopolymer or a co-polymer prepared from a monomer which polymerizes to form a product with carboxyl pendant groups, said monomer being selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, aspartic acid (amino acid), 1,4-phenylenediacrylic acid citraconic acid, citraconic anhydride, trans cinnamic acid, 4-hydroxy-3-methoxy cinnamic acid, p-hydroxy cinnamic acid, trans-glutaconic acid, glutamic acid (amino acid), itaconic acid, linoleic acid, linolenic acid, methacrylic acid, maleic acid, maleic anhydride, mesaconic acid, trans- β -hydromuconic acid, trans-trans muconic acid, oleic acid,